

1-1 By: Rodriguez of Bexar, Collier H.B. No. 2952
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Watson)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2013;
 1-4 May 10, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Administration; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-14			X	
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the period of time allowed for issuance of decisions by
 1-19 the commissioner of education in certain appeals against school
 1-20 districts.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 7.057(c), Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (c) In an appeal against a school district, the commissioner
 1-25 shall, not later than the 240th day after the date the appeal is
 1-26 filed, issue a decision based on a review of the record developed at
 1-27 the district level under a substantial evidence standard of review.
 1-28 The parties to the appeal may agree in writing to extend, by not
 1-29 more than 60 days, the date by which the commissioner must issue a
 1-30 decision under this subsection. A school district's disclosure of
 1-31 the record to the commissioner under this subsection is not an
 1-32 offense under Section 551.146, Government Code.

1-33 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-34 to an appeal filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
 1-35 appeal filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by
 1-36 the law in effect at the time the appeal was filed, and the former
 1-37 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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